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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE  
ATTENTION: MAJOR JOHN F. HAY

SUBJECT: INSCOM Input to GRILL FLAME Briefing for Under Secretary of the Army

1. (U) Reference: BG Wilmot/DAMI-IS message, DTG 201520Z Aug 80, subject: Grill Flame (U).

2. (S/NOFORN) Following information is forwarded as requested by reference message. Data is keyed to format contained in reference:

a. SHORT BACKGROUND: In September 1978, INSCOM was tasked by ACSI, DA, to establish a training familiarization program using specially selected INSCOM personnel, establish RV intelligence collection techniques, and to establish a system for responding to intelligence collection requirements so that RV produced data is quickly and efficiently used. Screening/selection of prospective INSCOM RV personnel was accomplished during the period December 1978 to February 1979 employing a general sketch of personality traits which had been observed/compiled by SRI. 251 INSCOM personnel in the Baltimore-Washington area were considered. 117 of these were interviewed. Of 30-40 highly prospective candidates, 12 were finally selected based solely on their respective future assignment availability. In February, SRI researchers in conjunction with IGFP management selected six of the final 12 candidates for training based on personal interviews conducted at Ft Meade, MD. Of those selected, a cross section of professionals from the three general intelligence collection disciplines (HUMINT, PHOTINT, and SIGINT) was achieved. In-house (INSCOM) familiarization/training of the RV personnel in SRI RV protocol to prepare for their SRI training sessions began in February 1979. During the period April-October 1979, 170 RV training sessions were conducted. During the period April-June 1979, six RV personnel were progressively cycled to SRI for 5 consecutive RV training days each, during which they received training in RV "beacon" technology. During the period July-December 1979, five of the original six RV personnel were returned to SRI for two weeks each for further "honing" of individual abilities observed during their earlier training sessions. During this training cycle, emphasis was placed variously on "beacon", geographic coordinate, 35mm slide and precognitive 35mm slide techniques. Commencing September 1979, IGFP initiated operational sessions directed against "real world" intelligence gaps at a low level, and concurrent to ongoing training activities. This posture was abruptly modified in November 1979 with the onset of the US hostage situation in Iran and a JCS request for IGFP collection assistance. Since then, IGFP has been fully operational in its response to "real world" US intelligence needs, and has conducted 385 operational sessions toward that end. Of these 385 RV sessions, 171 have been performed in direct support of JCS requirements stemming

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from the US hostage situation. The remaining 214 RV sessions have been in support of NSC, CIA, ACSI, DA, AF, and INSCOM analysts. (See Inclosure 1 and 2 for overview of program development and summary of sessions.)

b. DATE OF YOUR EFFORTS: We have been operating in a training mode since late February 1979 and responding to operational tasks since September 1979. (See Incl 4)

c. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED: 8-13

d. FUNDS EXPENDED: See Inclosure 3.

e. NUMBER OF TESTS ATTEMPTED: See Inclosure 2. As far as methods go, we have used the following for "targeting" the Remote Viewer: geographic coordinates, UTM, pictures (of individual or place), geo coord/time/event, sealed envelope containing target data, unit ID codes, pictures of objects, time, and street address/name.

f. TEST RESULTS: See Inclosure 2.

g. OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAM: As stated in para 2a.

h. CONCLUSION(S): RV as an intelligence gathering tool, has provided useful and timely information involving numerous operational situations. We still cannot explain the how's and why's of RV, but believe we have sufficient data base to demonstrate that RV produced information is useful to decision-makers. Therefore, work in this very sensitive and unique area must continue.

i. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Continue working in conjunction with DIA, to establish a system to respond to intelligence collection requirements.

(2) Continue work designed to identify and define and exchange, if possible, individual RV capabilities.

(3) Continue work to define parameters of operations, to include accuracy, reliability, and repeatability.

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